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SPRINT OFFERS ONLINE BUYING VIA CELL PHONE

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TECHNOLOGY Quick hits

Sprint PCS, the Kansas City, Mo., wireless network division of Sprint Corp., said it has begun offering online shopping at Amazon.com Inc. through its Internet-ready digital cellular telephones.

The companies said the electronic-commerce service will sell music, DVDs, videos, books, toys, video games, software and consumer electronics.

Book and music e-tailer barnesandnoble.com last week began offering customer access to its site using the Palm VII wireless hand-held computer. Amazon offers that access, too.

And yesterday's move may distance Amazon from the competition. The Yankee Group says Internet-enabled phones will have 48 million users by 2002 and 204 million users by 2005.

RealNetworks will add computer-linked video

RealNetworks today will announce a partnership with WebGlide, a New York company specializing in computer-generated video technology. Under the agreement, WebGlide will integrate its technology into RealNetwork's to create a product code-named Utopia.

The companies claim Utopia will allow the creation and streaming of computer-generated video at less than 5 percent of the bandwidth required for conventional video.

A beta version of the free Utopia client for Windows and Mac users is expected by July 1.

Corbis hires two execs to get images on Net

Corbis Corp., the digital archive company owned by Microsoft chairman Bill

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Gates, hired two new executives, one from rival Getty Images Inc., to help put more of its 65 million images on the Internet.

George Sinclair, a former Getty Images vice president, joined Corbis as director of strategic development. Marjorie Yap, who managed public relations for Wilsonville, Ore.-based Tektronix, the No. 1 maker of electronic-measurement devices, was named director of corporate communications.

Sinclair and Yap will help manage Corbis's effort to become a "one-stop shop" for online art. Corbis, based in Bellevue, has acquired four image archives in the past two years and started selling pictures online last December. It expects 1999 sales of about \$100 million, and has 850 employees.

#### **Sun drops bid to make Java into a tech standard**

Microsoft rival Sun Microsystems has abandoned attempts to turn its Java programming language into a technology standard. For over a year the company had been working to have Java approved by the European Computer Manufacturers' Association. But Sun balked when that group requested that Sun turn over all its Java-related trademarks and copyrights, reports CBS MarketWatch.

Big companies like IBM, Hewlett-Packard and Oracle had pushed for Java standardization because they rely heavily on it, but it remains controlled by Sun. They and Sun favor Java in part because it decreases the need for Microsoft software.

#### **Nextlink to invest in service expansion**

Nextlink Communications, a telephone company controlled by cellular phone pioneer Craig McCaw, said closely held Forstmann Little & Co. will invest \$850 million to help expand services in exchange for an 8 percent stake.

Nextlink and other fast-growing phone companies need billions of dollars to build networks to handle soaring demand for voice and Internet services. The investment reunites Nextlink chief executive Dan Akerson with the firm where he was once general partner.

Nextlink, which provides phone services to small and mid-sized businesses, needs money to help fund its losses and expand networks in New York, Houston, Los Angeles and other cities.

Nextlink announced earlier this year that it would move its headquarters from Bellevue to McLean, Va.

#### **Snippets**

Michael Buhrmann, chief executive at Bellevue's @mobile.com, said the company has won a patent for a wireless instant messaging technology that indicates whether a person is on their mobile phone and allows other mobile phone users to send them instant messages. . . .

Spacelabs Medical Inc., a 41-year-old Redmond medical device company, has hired investment bankers to look into the possible sale of its Lifeclinic.com subsidiary, a newly launched Web site that links consumers to over 10,000 kiosks

in pharmacies that monitor vital signs. . . .

PF.Net, a Washougal company led by former Electric Lightwave and GST Telecommunications chief executive John Warta, has signed an agreement with AT&T to build over 5,000 miles of its high-speed fiber-optic network. . . .

Microsoft Windows CE rival Palm Computing is set to spin off from parent 3Com in a February IPO. . . . More than 1,900 police cars, marine units, horses, bicycles and helicopters in the Miami-Dade police department have been equipped with automated external defibrillators, to treat sudden cardiac arrest, made by Redmond's Medtronic Physio-Control. . . .

The trial date for the operating-system antitrust suit by Caldera against Microsoft has been moved to the first week in February, from Jan. 17. . . . Seattle's encoding.com has created a consulting services group to help companies better use streaming audio and video over the Internet. . . .

VoiceStream Wireless of Bellevue is among the GSM-based cellular phone service providers whose privacy may be threatened by algorithms discovered earlier this week by two Israeli researchers. . . .

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